

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2011**

The meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on Monday, February 7, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jason Thompson and opened with the pledge of allegiance.

Roll call, by Clerk Treasurer Liz Oilar, was answered by Mayor Jason Thompson, Council Members Dave Kelly, Jim Mann, Grace Oilar, Bill Smith, and Eric Storm, and City Attorney George Loy.

There being no additions, deletions, or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, January 18, 2011, a motion was made by Council Member Grace Oilar, seconded by Council Member Jim Mann, to approve the minutes as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Citizen Participation

Tom Bredeweg, IACT Field Service Manager, presented Mayor Jason Thompson with the Gold Level Certification as an Indiana Leadership Ambassador in the Mayors Institute Program. The Mayors Institute was founded in 2008. It is a joint venture of the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns and Indiana University School of Public Environmental Affairs. When this program was set up, it was decided to have a goal to offer a Gold Certificate to anyone who attended ten sessions. Mayor Thompson has attended ten sessions reaching the Gold Level. This is a tribute to the Mayor and our community.

Department Head Reports

Water Superintendent Rod Pool stated that they had another broken main today. This makes a total of thirteen for the winter. All is normal for his department.

Wastewater Superintendent Joe Mowrer stated that they had an icicle fall off the roof today and break a plastic chlorine line. The line is turned off this time of year and will be a spring project for them to repair. Everything is normal at the plant.

Street Superintendent Doug Roberts stated that he gave the Council a copy of a summation of snow removal since December 2010. The report gives fuel costs and overtime costs due to the snow. He is in good shape with salt on hand. They had some left over from last year and he hopes to have some left over this year for next fall. They are hauling snow away from downtown. Depending on the amount of snow depends on the time it takes to plow the parking lots. Doug feels people will need to have patience. He has told his employees the best virtue to have at this time is patience. It is sometimes hard to have from an operating standpoint. Doug feels the men have handled this and the snow exceptional well. He doesn't think he could get any five better men than what he has in his department. There is going to be lots of snow melting before long. This could be a problem because catch basins are covered. They are trying to get them uncovered. With this type of winter there is going to be lots of road repair with potholes. They haven't had a major breakdown all winter. Today one of the trucks had a spring package broken. They are dealing with used trucks that have been taken good care of and Doug is very pleased. The Council and Mayor Thompson thanked Doug and his men for all their hard work with the snow removal.

Park Superintendent Mitch Billue thanked Water Superintendent Rod Pool for giving the Parks Department a snow blade that fits their bobcat. This has been helpful to them. He thanked Street Superintendent Doug Roberts for helping plow his department while he was gone. The playground equipment is due for delivery on February 28, 2010. The pool heater will be delivered on February 25, 2010. The Parks Department applied for a Land and Water Conservation grant through the DNR. Mitch received a letter from the State recommending to the National Parks and Recreation Service that we receive the \$200,000.00 grant to help the development of Altherr Park. Mitch feels we should hear back on that around March 4, 2011.

Assistant Police Chief Nate Miller stated that he gave the Council his department's monthly activity report. They have a good idea who robbed the Phillips 66 Station. They have investigators working on that tying up some loose ends. Thanks to Street Superintendent Doug Roberts and his crew they were able to get around in two wheel drive. They did not have very many accidents or fender benders. They were able to get to their emergencies in a timely manner. He thanked Doug on behalf of all the guys at the Police Department.

Fire Chief Shane Swaim stated that he gave the Council a 2010 Year End Report and his monthly report for January. The 2010 report is an accumulation of the monthly reports he gave the Council last year. January is starting off the same as the year before. They had the Korean paramedic students in January. The recent snow event went well. The Street Department and Water Department kept them plowed out.

Consideration of Approval for the Second Amended and Restated Declaration of Condominiums for The Bridgeview Condominiums

City Attorney George Loy stated that the Twin Lakes Investment LLC is the developer of The Bridgeview Condominiums. The City supplies water to those condominiums pursuant to a water supply agreement with Twin Lakes Investment. Condominium Declarations are a document which is by law required to be prepared and recorded which governs the operation and development of any condominium pursuant to Indiana law. Their particular condominium declaration requires Council approval anytime it is amended. The Council would be consenting to amend changing a number of condominiums to single family dwellings. This will not change the City's water supply agreement with them. Council Member Grace Oilar made the motion to approve the consideration for the approval of the amended and restated declaration, seconded by Council Member Jim Mann. All ayes, motion carried.

Don Koleszar, Member of the White County Economic Development Board, was asked by Mayor Thompson the dates of the ED Strategy meetings. They are on April 7th and June 2nd of this year. They would like input from the community on economic development. The Strategy Company is getting statistics on our community by talking to individuals, businesses, government officials, and etc. They will be the keynote speaker at the White County Economic Development annual meeting on February 25, 2011.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Liz Oilar, IAMC
City Clerk Treasurer